

Information Disclosure Statement

Materiality to Patent – 35 USC 102

- 1) **Origin of Invention: Conception & Reduction to Practice:** The conception of this invention and the actual reduction to practice occurred simultaneously, due to necessity. The invention was developed in 1999 to treat a medical skin condition called pompholyx, that was non-responsive to available prescriptive medicines or current dermatological treatment. The patient (one of the inventors) had lost the functional use of hands, due to a large proportion of the skin being occupied by open wounds, and skin loss. Prescriptive medicines and over the counter medicines were completely ineffective. The medical advice given to the inventor, was to learn to live with the disease as many do. Based on the observation of the symptoms of this disease, a formulation was developed. The results were surprisingly effective, and worked to establish complete remission in a very short period of time, for this otherwise serious skin condition. Since many individuals live with this disease, and there are few alternatives, the results warrant further experimental investigation. Because pompholyx is a known to be recurring chronic condition, which in rare cases goes into “spontaneous remission”, it was critical that the inventors establish some proof of utility being independent of this phenomenon. In the follow-up investigation, it was confirmed that the remission established was stable or semi-permanent. This disease is known to have flare-ups that are associated with stress, and in time should re-emerge. Fortunately, but unfortunately, over the next couple of years, several flare ups occurred (small blister formations), and each time, the formulation was completely effective in halting disease progression. With this, we were able to capture the effects of the treatment using high-resolution microscopy and present clear evidence of the efficacy. During this period, in 2001, the formula was also tested experimentally against various strains of pathogens in a laboratory, and results indicate the formula is also a potent anti-bacteria, anti-fungal and anti-parasitic agent.
- 2) **Due Diligence:** Two obstacles caused a time delay in the progress of filing a patent. The first being that this is a chronic disease, and establishing utility had to be corroborated and documented during a flare-up period. The second major time delay was in the writing and preparation of the patent application. Both inventors have full time research positions and, since the patent applications would be filed by the inventors (applicants), it was imperative that they had some understanding of what is involved in filing a patent. A large amount of time was required to read through the legal aspects of filing a patent, from the information on the USPTO website, and in the preparation of the document. In particular, this is a very large field to cover in terms of prior art, because of the wealth of information on herbal constituents and their applications.
- 3) **Are there disputes as to inventorship?** No
- 4) **Previous Conventions, Visits, Presentations, Publications, Published Patent Applications by Inventor (s):** None,

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